100 00

200 00

Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

For sale in Fort Worth by Eggleston & Eggleston

ovestigation of the organs taken from the

body of Mrs. Blackman, deceased and delivered into my hands by your assistant, Mr. Lattimore, on the 31st day of March,

In prosecuting this work every effort has

seen directed toward obtaining a truthful

result, and no pains have been spared in carrying out that object. The con-dition of the material rendered the task not

only unpleasant but more difficult; but I do not think the result has been changed thereby; that is, in regard to the presence

REPORT.

On the 31st day of March, 1891, I, H. W.

Harper, received from Mr. Lattimore, assistant prosecuting attorney for the county of Tarrant, state of Texas, a wooden

box. cover securely nailed thereon, pur-porting to contain four scaled glass jars in which had been placed the stomach, kid-

levs, liver, heart and a section of the lungs

taken from the body of Mrs. Blackman, deceased, she having died in Tarrant county, December 23, 1890, and the circum-

stances attending her death being of a suspicious character suggesting poison. The contract is the determination of the

presence or absence of arsenic and strych-

The box was removed to my laboratory

and has been in my possession to the date of this report. On account of delay in ob-taining some necessary chemical reagents

the examination was not begun until

Upon opening the box I found four one

half gallon glass jars, tin covers, sealed with a green scaling wax and containing without preservative fluid organs of the human body as follows:

would be impossible to determine the cause of the denudation of its mucous membrane.

The stomach was placed in a glass jar, covered with pure S0 per cent alcohol and

reserved for subsequent investigation.

The contents of the stomach was now submitted to a careful macroscopic and

nicroscopic examination, and then sub-ected to a rigid systematic chemical re-

search for strychnine and arsenic, follow-ing the procedure of Blyth. The result was

regative-failing to find a trace of either

The contents of jar B was then subjected

The contents of Jar B was then subjected to a careful and thorough chemical treatment, according to the procedure of Girwood and Rogers for strychnine, and Berzelius, Blyth, Marsh, Reinsch, Fleitmann et al. for arsenic. The result was negative—not a trace of either agent was found.

The wall of the stomach, together with the alcohol in which it had been placed, were both tested for strychnine and arsenic.

The result was negative.

In the entire research every precaution

was taken to eliminate the least possibility

of error, and while the symptoms accom-panying the death of Mrs. Blackman as enumerated to me suggest strychnine pois-

contents of the stomach or in the organs I subjected to analysis. The method I followed would have detected the minutest

trace of arsenic; so that a positive assertion may be made that arsenic was not the cause of death in this case.

For reasons well understood by you no

As soon as Blackman knew that the body was to be exhumed he took his horse and

sold the horse and has not been seen or heard of since. His two children are cared

County Attorney Gillespie has done what

he could in the case, but he was notified too That some law is needed to investigate udden deaths or supposed deaths is ap-

Traveling to Dallas in the night, he

the two herein mentioned.

for by relatives.

was made for other poisons than

H. W. HARPER, Ph. G.

Jar A. a stomach and its contents.

heavier than water.

or absence of arsenic and strychnine

BURIED ALIVE.

Such the Fate of Mrs. Blackman of This County.

PHYSICIAN CALLED IN.

County Attorney Gillespie Receives the Report of the Chemist on the Poison Question-A Startling Discovery in the Coffin.

From Thursday's Daily, May 14. esterday for the first time all the details the death of Mrs. Blackman, who lived this county four miles from Arlington th her husband and four children, were add known by County Attorney Gillespie, to the time of receiving the Up to the time of receiving the report from Professor Harper it is overlars that in the interest of justice Mr. Gillespie could not talk. The death of Mrs. Blackman has been the sub-ject of grand jury investigation, but unti-the analysis of the woman's stomach, etc., was made the grand cary could not come to a determination in the matter. That part

Did Blackman murder his wife by adestion at issue. Was not Mrs. Blackman buried alive,

not positive that she wa alive, is now the question one fact, one horrible an burned alive, and one fact, one norther and startling discovery made when the body of the poer woman was disintered points conclusively to the fact that Mrs. Ella Hackman died in her coffin after struggling wildly for life. The fact is that the woman gave birth to A CHILD IN THE COPTIN

how long after she was burled God alone

FACTS IN THE CASE County Attorney Gillespie and his assist-net. O. S. Lattimore, were seated in their office in the courthouse yesterday considering Professor Harper's report when the reporter called.

Can I get the report of Professor Harper for publication;" asked Tug GAZETTE man.
Mr. Gillespie hesitated, carefully re-read
the report, spoke to Mr. Lattimore on the
subject and then remarked: "I guess this
ends it as far as we can file anything. You
may read the report," and the county at-

es hunded it over ald you not find where Blackman had

No, we could not." And then Mr. Gil-

lespic give the history of the case from tes-timony produced before the grand jury, which testimony is in writing.

"Me and Mrs. Blackman, their two chil-dren, one two and the other four years old, and a nephew of Blackman, are breakfast together on the morning of the 23d of De occiner on the morning of the 23d of De-wanter, 1890, at Blackman's residence, Mrs. Blackman prepared the meal, Breakfast over, Blackman said he was going to town and asked his nephew o go with him. He did so. On the way Blackman said he had to get some medi-cine for his wife. The nephew did not see the purchase made, but when they got back home about 10 o'clock in the morning Blackman took from his pocket a small bo ith a sliding cover and said he had brought The box contained a white powder which had the appearance of quinine. Blackman poured out some of the powder, and divided it in doses. He re-marked to his wife, "You had better take two or three of these de two or three of these doses at once. He then said he must go out on the farm, and asked his nephew to accompany him, but the young man said he wished to go hunt-ing and Blackman left by himself. Mrs. Blackman got a glass and water and took the powder while her nephew was putting on heavy hinting clothes in an adjoining room. When he came out got his gun and started to go Mrs. Blackman asked him not to go, saying she felt very sick. In a mu ute she said, "that medicine has poison ne," and was soon in convulsions. She revived somewhat and told the little bey to blow the horn to call her husband home. Another spasm and then another ensued before Blackman was seen coming to the house. The nephew aurried out to him and said. Hurry to the house your wife is dy Blackman then ran to the house and

Tilla. Filla what does this mean?" h asked, but she could only shake her head. The nephew was told to go for a dector and started, but before he could reach the fence Blackman called to him it was no use, his wife was Neighbors were notified and hurried to the house.

Hefore the neighbors came the nephew

threw most of the powder in the fire and

Blackman returning from town where he had gone for a coffin saw the powder on the clear step and told his nephew be should not have thrown it there; people would see it and say he had poisoned his wife.

it and say he had possented his wife.

Mrs. Blackman was buried on the morning of Descember 24. Immediately after
the supposed death her body was rigid. All
believed her dead and no physician was called in, no coroner's inquest was held.
People began to talk and it was whis pered about that Blackman had murdered

his wife. By March the whispers had be-come bold outspoken words and the people brought the matter to the attention of the county attorney. Three physicians were appointed to disinter the body and hold an autopsy. The grave was opened, the coffin taken out, the lid removed, when to their horror the doctors found in the coffin a focus from five to seven months old. Mrs. Blackman

HAD REEN BURIED ALIVE.
She had been in a trance, and when she revived. Sinding herself in a coffin, buried, the fright and anguish, the efforts to free herself from her confinement, caused premature birth. The physicians removed the stomach.

lungs and kidneys and sent them to Fort Worth to be analyzed. On petition numerously signed the county commissioners appropriated \$100 to pay for the examination and yesterday the following was handed to the county atterney:

FORT WORTH, TEX., May 11, 1891. Mr. O. W. Gillespie, Attorney for the County of Tarrant, State of Texas: DEAR SIR-I have the honor to herewith

submit to you the report of the chemical

ABOUT FORT WORTH.

Yesterday J. L. Taft sold the block in Yesterday J. L. Taft sold the block in Fort Worth on which his planing-mill stands to the Fort Worth city company and M. G. Ellis. The sale provides for the removal of the planing-mill and it will likely go to the NorthS ide adjoining the rolling mill. Mr. Taft takes in payment \$11,000 of the stock of the rolling mill company, and being a large stockholder previously, he now controls a good sized block of the stock. Iron will be rolled and lumber will be planed on an extensive scale umber will be planed on an extensive scale in North Fort Worth in a short time.

The outlook for Fort Worth is certainly bright. The forces now at work for this city's upbuilding are forces that will count. Yesterday the great brewery began active operation and by 4 p. m. 500 kegs of beer had been sold. There is a market for the com-pany's product at home in Texas, and in pany's product at home in rexas, and in supplying this demand many men will be given employment. The tin bucket brigade was increased yesterday by the addition of eighty men to the pay rolls of the city. And this number will soon be largely increased. The brewery will cause other industries to plant themselves in Fort Worth.

The Texas Palace.

The Houston World has this to say of the Texas exhibit palace erected by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce: This is one of the best advertising medi-ums in our great and glorious state. It is situated at the Union depot at Fort Worth, Tex. The building is on the order of the Spring Palace of Fort Worth; products from all over the state are on exhibition. The idea is novel and tasty and in fact, very sensible. The building was put up by the go-ahead and progressive Chamber of Commerce of that city. Mr. T. Graham is the manager, and one of whom the people of that grand district can well be proud of. He is a brilliant interesting keep and ob-He is a brilliant, interesting, keen and observant representative. The idea is this: When capitalists get off the train or are looking around for locations, Mr. Graham's pleasant smile invites them into the exhibition hall and when they are within the building why that is all are within the building, why, that is al that is necessary. He explains so sorcibly and intelligibly the idea of the display that prospectors and investors at once fall in love with our great Texas. The Texas World is glad to see such good sensible ways and means of bringing Texas to the

The Cooperage Works.

Jar B, two kidneys and some maggots, Jar C, a liver and some maggots. Jar D, a heart and section of the lung. Work on the cooperage company's build-ings is being pushed and it is now be-leved that by May 25 the works will be The stomach was removed from jar A and placed upon a pane of glass. Its upper sur-face was of a lead color, the lower surface in operation with thirty men to start with which number will be increased as soon as the necessary additional machinery is in pink. Both orifices were ligated with a strong cotton cord. Upon opening it I found the contents to consist of four tablespoonfuls of a pultaceous substance, gray color, putrid-very offensive to the sense of smell, acid reaction, the greater part

front ranks.

A Grain Elevator.

The assurance of an immense crop of wheat has caused the renewal of the project to erect a large grain elevator at Fort Worth, in which a portion of heavier than water.

After the atomach was cleansed of its contents the inaer surface presented the following feature: The mucous membrane absent except at the cardiac orifice and a small area adjacent thereto. On account of the advanced purresence of the organ it the surplus grain can be stored. With the four Fort Worth flour mills in full blast, the \$50,000 bushels of elevator capacity now in Fort Worth will not amount to a great deal. In fact, an elevator with a million bushels capacity in addition would not be any too much. It is understood that people connected with one of our leading banks and railroad men of the Denver, Santa Fe and Missouri. Kansas and Texas are now discussing the building of a large elevator. If the work is begun at once the building would be ready in time to store a portion of the wheat and outs which will seek Fort Worth as a market.

The Cotton Mill.

Gen. Peers let a contract yesterday for wo cottages in the cotton mill addition inder two years' lease to the cotton mill company for their employes, John S. Anrews will begin work on five more, and Mr. A. H. Bennett two more in a few days. also leased to the cotton mills company. In two weeks the mill will be working a large force, and the Chamber of Com-merce and business men will be taken out to inspect the plant and enjoy a "lemonade" with the managers. Manager Taylor says work on a large addition, in fact a separate brick building,

will soon be under way. They are not bragging much, but the good work goes on just the same.

A Business Visit.

oning, if it be true that she was poisoned by that agent the quantity administered must have been so small that after its ap-propriation no trace of it was left in the Mr. H. K. Thurber of New York, and Mr. J. Edward Simmons, the New York hanker spent yesterday looking over Fort Worth, and the gentlemen will bear The GAZETTE out in saying they were somewhat astonished at what they found here. Both are men of wide experience, and possess a thorough knowledge of most sections of the country, but in a degree Texas was an unknown land to them. Fort Worth can be and will be reatly benefited by the business visit these gentlemen are paying us. They will see for themselves what we have, what ur resources are and what an inlimited field this city and Texas offers for the profitable investment of capital. Fort Worth but desires to be known, her copie only ask to meet representative en such as Messrs. Thurber and immons face to face and they will be satisfied with the rest. When these gentlemen return to New York Texas will have two advocates who will be heard and this will be worth millions to Texas and this city.

North Fort Worth has been closes work on the buildings will soon begin.

The company organized to maintain a

The Hendricks building will be completed

One firm of lumber dealers in Fort Worth

has sold over eighty thousand dollars worth of lumber in sixty days to go into houses in Fort Worth. The other dealers have

ione nearly as well.

The New Era mills will begin to grind on

June 10, and expect to run day and night from that time on. The other mills will all

Recorded Transfers.

Gavin Walker to S. P. Allison, lot 4, block 9, Stanley Heights . \$ 100 00

1,620 00

400 00

Fakes and W. G. Turner, un-

divided one-third interest in

block 16, Jenning's West addi-

E. E. Fosdick to Mrs. Jennie R.

Stewart, lot 20, block 17.

W. E. Williams to A. G. Reily,
part of lots 31 and 32 of block 2,
Moodie's sub-division of Will-

Stephen Bedford to Fort Worth and New Orleans railroad, 42%

acres of the Shelby county school lands, \$1 and other valu-

able considerations.

American land and investment

company to H. Q. Lyman, lots 11 to 18 inclusive, block 67, Ar-lington Heights... American land and investment

company to Henry R. Jones, lots 29 and 30, block 98, Arling-

lot 40, Park sub-division

by October. It will cost \$130,000.

cotton compress on the North Side is nego tiating for a site.

North Fort Worth has

Notes of Progress. COMMISSIONERS' COURT. All the timber is on the ground for the bridge over Sycamore, and the work of driving the piling began yesterday. By the time this bridge is completed the company

The Important Business Transacted by which is to build a street car line to the Tarrant County's Guardians, Methodist college will be ready to build.

Work on the rolling mill is progressing rapidly now, and the buildings will soon be The county commissioners' court, which been in session five days, adjourned lay. The business transacted was of sted. In sixty days at the outside the more than usual importance

It was decided that on May 25 Commis-ioner Maddox should assume control of the convicts for five months, and they will be moved to the Fort Worth and Denton road in a short time after he takes charge. They will work on this road three months. The county treasurer's quarterly report

makes the following showing:
Receipts in four funds as follows: Jury
fund, \$4752.94; road and bridge fund, \$4348.98 general fund, \$5130.63; courthouse and jail, \$2765.15. Disbursements:

Jury fund, \$4873.75; road and bridge, \$11,718.03; general fund. \$7595.05; courthouse and jail, \$44,199.05. Of this latter amount \$31,000 was to redeem bonds. The present bonded indebtedness is: Bridges, \$76,365; courthouse bonds, \$25,000, since November 17, 1890.

The tax collecter's report shows occupa-tion taxes collected, \$5780.18; ad valorem taxes collected, \$99,508.90; poll taxes, 8947.75; redemption of property, \$242.45; incolvent list \$1.24 run full time this year.

Twenty houses are to go up in North
Fort Worth at once, and Col. Hoxie thinks
the Stockyards building association will
soon be building a large number of houses. insolvent list, \$1.34.

'Squire Maddox, superintendent of the poor farm, reported present number of inmates, 17; dismissed during month, 10; admitted, 6; died, 2, one infant, one negro Convict expenses were shown to be for the quarter, \$5289.10.

The election managers for eighty-seven school districts, three for each district, were appointed to hold the annual election for school trustees on June 6. Saginaw school district No. 87 was estab-lished.

Claims to the amount of \$6000 were

lot 5, block 9, Stanley Heights . A. J. Roe to Elizabeth Weatherbee, 45x100 feet on Galveston 2,500 00

avenue.

Polytechnic college, Methodist
Episcopal church, South, to Mrs.
S. F. Laue of Hunt county, lots S. F. Lane of Hunt county, lots 3 and 4, block 56, Polytechnic College addition.

Martin Ballwig to R. D. Curry, 12 acres, part of the E. A. Wash pre-emption.

W. M. Harrison to W. M. Harrison, Jr., lots 13 and 14, block 27, Cotton Mill additon, \$1, love and affection.

Robert G. Johnson to James Harrison, southeast one-fourth of

rison, southeast one-fourth of block 2, Texas and Pacific addi-Fort Worth city company to Mrs. Sarah Jane Shay, lot 16, block 54, North Fort Worth

 J. N. McKnight to J.P. Brashear, 100x100 feet, Jenning's west ad-dition on Thirteenth street.
 C. L. Post to H. E. Large, lot 1, block 3, second woolen mill addition H. W. Nye to W. R. McLaury, 40 acres of the Robert R. Rainey

J. P. Smith and M. J. Brinson, administrators estate M. T. John-son, to Noel Burton, part of R. R. Rainey survey. 117 acres... E. E. Fosdick to J. M. Peers, lots

tox to J. M. Benton, lot 864, block 38, in Hyde Park. T. A. Trice to C. L. and W. A. Harger, lot 1, block 29, Moore, Thornton & Co's, addition. C. E. Lee to J. B. Bragassa, 200 feet off north end seven-acre tract on Trinity river.

T. B. Burbridge and wife to M.
P. Mason of Jefferson county,

max, 132x162 feet, Lamar and Thirteenth John A. T. Evans to Builders' Loan and Savings' association, 50x100 feeton East Weatherford street and Hampton. R. W. Marple to R. F. Boals, lot 2,000 00

16, block 1, Walcott's addition . \$ 2,000 00 Fort Worth and Denver railway company to Fort Worth com

press company, compress site	
JANUARY RECORD.	
11 Transfers January 1 1	13.3
4 Transfers January 2	7.7
3 Transfers January 3	7.8
19 Transfers January 5	12.2
9 Transfers January 6	80.8
5 Transfers January 7	9.60
7 Transfers January 8	10.60
12 Transfers January 9	82.57
9 Transfers January 10	13.0
4 Transfers January 12	11.9
5 Transfers January 13	11.96
6 Transfers January 14	4.9
I Transfer January 15	2.5
2 Transfers January 17	4.7
8 Transfers January 19	193.1
2 Transfers January 29.	1.4
4 Transfers January 21	3.00
7 Transfers January 22	13.4
8 Transfers Januery 23	113.98
2 Transfers January 21	7
16 Transfers January 26.	94.50
7 Transfers January 27	30.0
to Characters Language 96	
10 Transfers January 28	11.90
0 Transfers January 29.	18,50
3 Transfers January 90.	4.29
3 Transfers January 31,	5,3
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Total transfers February	17,029,503 73
MARCH RECORD	
7 Transfers March 2	6,651 00
9 Transfers March 3	16.328 50
6 Transfers March 4	
3 Transfers March 5	1.050 00
6 Transfers March 6	6.175 00
6 Transfers March 7	4,450 00
5 Transfers March 9	
4 Transfers March 10	
8 Transfers March 11	
5 Transfers March 12	7,225 00
9 Transfers March 13.	5,757 00
3 Transfers March 14	
5 Transfers March 16	
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3 Transfers March 18	
8 Transfers March 19	
3 Transfers March 20	
Transfers March 21	4,445 00
19 Transfers March 23	
2 Transfers March 24	4,600.00
9 Transfers March 25	5,250 00
2 Transfers March 26	5,336 00
7 Transfers March 27	35,800 00
5 Transfers March 28	6.613 00
4 Transfers March 29	
7 Transfers March 30	4,570 00

Total transfers March...... 8236.622 06 APRIL RECORD. mill will be rolling iron.

The contract for a large planing mill for 21,216 7 5 Transfers April 20. 10 Transfers April 21. 6 Transfers April 22 The lake and park in North Fort Worth will be completed in a few weeks.
Smith & Bardon have men and teams at work on the Methodist college east of the

4 Transfers April 24 9 Transfers April 25 10 Transfers April 27 12 Transfers April 28 Total transfers, April \$ 260,723 13 Transfers May 1..... 9 Transfers May 5.
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3 Transfers May 13.
5 Transfers May 14. ** **********

A SLEEP INDUCER.
rsford Add Phosphate.
DECEMORE, Ediana peri CASHIER COMMITS SUICIDE.

His Accounts Were All Right, but He Had Been Sick.

MOBILE, ALA., May 18.—Lloyd Bowers, late cashier of the First National bank, shot himself this morning, putting a pistol ball in his head, which can't be found. He is still alive, but unconscious. He may die any moment. It is rumored he was short, financially, but investigation shows it to be groundless. He is worth \$100,000. The cause was aberration consequent upon ill health and brain trouble. He did the deed before his dresser. The ball entered the middle of his forehead.

Or you are all be out, really good for note ing, it is seemed debility. Try BROW BITTERS.
B will cure you, or have your liver, and give

RAILROAD NEWS.

THE SANTA FE IN IT.

The Finest Sleeping Cars on Wheels Put The Santa Fe is constantly receiving new

equipment of the very latest designs and unsurpassed in finish. It seems to be the determination of the company to have the finest equipped passenger trains in the world. The latest is two apartment sleep-ers put in service between Chicago and St. Louis. They are thus described by a Chicago paper:

The puclic is being educated to expect so much finery that nothing less than extreme gorgeousness satisfies its pompous demands. First-class night travel between

Chicago and St. Lous is so blooded, so royal, that polished rosewood, velvet, plush and plain decorations grate harshly upon its line sensibilities. It takes silks and its fine sensibilities. It takes silks and satins with gold and precious metals. San Domingo mahogony, painted a pale robbin's egg blue, or a delicate green shade, or an immaculate white, or a soft mouse color to fill the bill these days. The straight sleepers containing only berths and probably one state room are no longer considered choice accommodations either. The two cars which go into service on the Red express between Chicago and St. Louis have all the modern improvements enumer-

have all the modern improvements enumer-ated above and more. Besides eight berths in the center each car has its smoking and dressing rooms for gentlemen, dressing room for ladies, three compartments en-closing sections and all the little accommodations that go to make life on the rail as complete and enjoyable as in one's own

The upholstering is in silk plush of various shades and the decorations are in the very latest styles of the decorative art therefore the interior forms a picture

It is said that as soon as sufficient nev equipment can be secured to fill the runs the present equipment running between Chicago and Denver will be put on the Gal-veston run. As this equipment when put on two years ago was new and then the finest running out of Kansas City, the Santa Fe's Chicago-Galveston fast train will surpass anything ever seen in Texas.

THE COTTON TRAFFIC.

Fort Worth to be Made the Denver Market.

Some time since THE GAZETTE mentioned Some time since The Gazette mentioned the fact that the Overland cotton mills at Denver were looking to Fort Worth as their point of supply for the cotton they expected to use. In making the tariff it became necessary for the general freight office here to know the amount that would be required and the probable amount of revenue to be derived from the traffic. Yesterday a telegram was received from Denver stating the capacity of the mill. It will employ 350 men. 484 looms and 184 carding machines, and its capacity is 22,000 yards per day of twentycapacity is 22,000 yards per day of twenty-four hours. It is understood that the rate made is the same as to St. Louis, which places the Denver mills on the same footing as those of New England. With Fort Worth as a base of supplies and the Fort Worth as a base of supplies and the Fore-Worth cotton mill in operation, it seems that all the output of the cotton growers tributary to Fort Worth will be marketed in this city and that there will be very little surplus for shipment to other points. The Denver mills expect to begin operations very shortly and the Fort Worth mills are absolution growers. Between the cotton already in operation Between the cotton mills, the woolen mills and the packing house the farmers within a radius of 150 miles of Fort Worth will be in clover, as they thus have a home market for the bulk of their products.

Alliance Rates.

CHICAGO, ILL., May 16 .- The Western CHICAGO, ILL., May 16.—The western passenger association has authorized a rate of one fare for the round trip to persons desiring to attend the Farmers' Alliance convention at Cincinnati on the 19th instant. Tickets will be on sale on the 17th and 18th. This completes the special rate presents for the Alliance meants. arrangements for the Alliance convention from all points, other associations having previously taken such action.

THE ROCK ISLAND.

Little Likelihood of Any Construction this Year on Any Portion.

There continues to float over the country rumors that the Rock Island is to extend Texasward from Minco immediately and these rumors make their visitis monthly with the regularity of the visits of the bill collector. These railroad builders apparently ignore the fact that the financial ditions of railroads generally, and the Rock Island in particular, precludes the possibility of any new construction at present. When railroad earnings show a steady deficit each month and an increase in op-erating expenses, including equipment and maintenance of way, new securities floated maintenance of way, new securities noticed for extensions are upt to fall valueless upon the martet, and to find few buyers at any price. Then again the Rock Island lines in Kansas and Nebraska constitute as heavy a load as that company can well "tote," and the state of the sta the stockholders would doubtless breather more freely the Trans-Missouri lines were divorced from the parent stem and placed in the hands of a receiver. It may give real estate a transient boom to an-nounce the extension is decided upon, but this does not build the road, nor does it influence the large investors. The Gazeffe may be denounced for contradicting these rumors but it is reasonable to say the whistle of a Rock Island engine will not be heard south of Red river during 1891. And it will be seen that the present tour of Rock Island officials over the lines, instead of resulting in new extensions will result in lopping off of heads and the reduction of expenditures.

CARTER AND THE GIRLS.

The Traveling Passenger Agent of the Cotton Belt Steals Another Party.

Yesterday evening the incoming passen-ger train on the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas had a special parlor car attached decorated with flags and streamers. On board were thirty-one school girls, en route home from the school at Winchester, Tenn., to spend the summer. They were in charge of R. M. Carter, traveling passenger agent, and they were a jolly crowd. A number of carriages and busses were at the depot when the train arrived and a number of them were transferred to the Missouri, Kansas and Texas south-bound train, en route for their homes at Hillsboro, Waco and other southern points. The party, forty-three in number, started

from Winchester, Tenn., Thursday. At Milam Mr. Carter bought a bushel of straw-berries and the maidens feasted on this delicious fruit for the remainder of the jour nev. The train left Texarkana yesterday morning fifty minutes late, being held to enable the party to have ample time for breakfast. The engineer said he would bring the train into Fort Worth on the dot, and he did so. The reason the girls were brought through to Fort Worth was that they might be enabled to see the city and at the same time have the pleasure of remain the same time have the pleasure of remaining together as long as possible. Some of the girls remained over night in the city, and will leave for their homes this morning.

If a Carter said they were bright eyed, they cheeked and full of life, their residence the Cumberland mountains evidently be-conducive to health, and none of them ig conducive to health, and none of them ad the pale, weakly appearance so characteristic of the average school girl. Mr. Ca ter got a tip this party was coming and quiete slipped over the Winchester with a parlor can be captured the business.

GOULD'S LATEST TRICKS.

The Wily Wizard of Wall Street Pulling the Market for a Purpose. The wily wizard of Wall street is giving The wily wizard of Wall street is giving railroad men material for speculation just at present, and none of them seem to be able to form an exact conclusion as to just what piece of mischief he is up to now. The fact that he is having himself interviewed, picturing the future in glowing lines with all the tints of the rainbow, and posing as a colossal bull, while the steady drain of gold for export is continued steadily from day to day, reduc ng materially the money available in this country and stiffening the present great stringency in financial circles, and which threatens to prove disastrous to

those roads whose interest charges are due in June and July, appears to them decidedly suspicious. Added to this the fact that he has, through parties in his interest, recently unloaded shares to the num-ber of 150,000 or more leads them to the be-lief that he foresees a financial crash and is preparing to stand from under. At the same time the Santa Fe's report showing a deficit and the well known cramped finan cial condition of the Reck Island leads to the belief that he is working either to ob-tain control of those roads by buying stocks when thoroughly depreciated, throwing them into the hands of a receiver and bobbing up serenely in the reorganization. Jay is noted as being cel-like in his financia movements, and while the officials of other roads are unable to fix his next move with any degree of accuracy, all realize that the wizard is at the wires and manipulating

The hopeful condition of railroad securities of the past six weeks, has given way to a corresponding depression, and many roads that are under construction and in contem-piation, that had contracts made for floating their securities and going ahead with the work, fird themselves blocked and can trace it directly to the Wall street wizard. while The GAZETTE is not a prophet, or the son of a prophet, it confidently predicts that unless an improvement takes place within the next sixty days, the railroad construction for 1891 will not amount to many miles. Gould's apparent bullishness is held to cover some deep scheme, which some allowed and construction and consequently house. even a large crop and consequently heavy tonnage for the Granger lines will not avert.

FORT WORTH AND RIO GRANDE. The Proposed Extension from Menardville to Fort McKavitt.

Special to the Gazette. MENARDVILLE, TEX., May 14.—At a rail-road meeting held here yesterday the fol-

owing resolution was adopted owing resolution was adopted:

"It is the sense of this meeting that there can be secured for the extension of the Fort Worth and Rio Grande railroad through McCulloch and Midland counties to Fort McKavitt the right of way and a bonus of \$50,000, a good part of which is all

ready promised."

An extension of the Fort Worth and H Grande railroad as named in the resoluti would tap the great wool and cattle secti of West Texas, the business that now go to the Gulf. Colorado and Santa Fe and t Aransas Pass roads would be done this line. Fort Worth would get wholesale trade, the cattle and wool of country through which the road passes, also the trade for miles beyond the ter

Will Fort Worth lend us a helping hand

IT DIED VESTERDAY. The St. Louis, Arkausus and Texas Passes

Out of Existence. Yesterday the receivers turned over all Yesterday the receivers turned over all the lines, franchises and property of the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas railway to the new company, and its legal existence ceased. It is now the St. Louis Southwestern and as such will hereafter be known. The pseudonym, the Cotten Belt route, will doubtless be retained, as by that name it has become famous all over the country. It is not known what if any changes in the personnel of the officials will changes in the personner of the officials will take place. It is very probable, the road having passed into Gould's hands, that the passenger, freight and operating departments will be merged with those of the Texas and Pacific, and the present general superintendent, general freight agents and general passenger agents be re-tained in their positions with the titles of assistants, reporting to and being under the direction of the Texas and Pacific. On the other hand the autonomy of the Cotton Belt may be pre-

served and so charges made in the person-nel of officials. Until the official circulars are issued nothing definite will be known. In this connection it may be well to state that the shops, terminal facilities and union depot question, together with other mprovements contemplated in Fort Worth have been held in abeyance until this trans-fer should have been made. There is little doubt that Cotton Helt trains will hereafter run into and depart from the union depot coming in from Hodge over the Transconti-

nental or the Denver. The new Union depot will probably be located between Main street and the Trans-continental "Y," fronting on Front street. The location of the shops, if a change is The location of the snops, if a change is made, will likely be on the reservation west of Main street. A site which is very favorably regarded for the shops is on the present site of the compress and north of the present Denver shops, but is not so accessible for the Texas and Pacific, and the Hou

ton street site is almost accessible for the In the present condition of the money market and the extreme difficulty experienced in securing funds it is hard to say whether these plans will be carried out at once or deferred to some future period. Jay Gould, however, is a man who can, if he so desires, some all the recessors many of his secure all the necessary money any of his lines may actually require for betterments, condition of the regardless of the market, though instances money market, though instance his doing so are very There are other changes and provements under contemplation for Fort Worth which are not yet ripe for publica-tion, but which will doubtless be consummated ere many months.

W. F. Connor, Western passenger agent of the Wabash, is in the city.

A \$35,000 Damage Suit. Special to the Gazette.

DENTON, Tex., May 18 -A damage suit was brought here to-day by Cora Moore of the state of Kansas against the Texas and Pacific and the receivers of the Missouri Kansas and Texas railway for \$5,000 for the death of her husband, J. L. Moore, who was killed at Denton creek bridge a short time ago by being knocked from the top of a freight car by the top of the bridge on said creek. The suit was filed by her at-torneys, H. M. Perkins and S. M. Bradley.

Good Crops Everywhere,

Special to the Gazette. New YORK, May 18.—General Freight Agent Johnson of the Rock Island has just returned from a ten day's trip through Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and the Indian Territory. He says he has never seen the crop outlook in the southwest so good as at present. Everywhere he was met by the prediction that this fall would witness the greatest car famine ever experienced by the Southwestern roads. Mr. Johnson says the wheat crop is now practically assured in Kansas, and the talk there is that it will be fully sixty million bushels.

POSTS ABANDONED.

Two Important Posts in the Texas Department Wiped Out-A Large One to be Located at Eagle Pass.

Special to the Gazette.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., May 17.—The sudden ordering away of the Fifth infantry from Texas, with no regiment to replace it, will hasten the closing of two important posts in this department. Fort Davis, Tex., will be absented this result of the control of the control

be abandoned this week. It stood on leased ground, but the government will lose the mprovements, amounting to \$30,000. Fort Hancock, Tex., which was to have been continued until the new Fort Bliss at El Paso was completed, will be closed in a short time, as its location is so isolated from civilization that property will be of value to no one. Its abandonment will cause a loss of over sixty thousand deliars. Secretary Proctor re-cently visited these two points on his tour, and decided to wipe them out in accordance with his policy of concentrating troops in a few large barracks. He has just sent or-ders to Gen. Stanley to purchase a tract of land at Eagle Pass for a large post, and for which John Twohig, a banker at San An-tonic, will receive \$20,000.

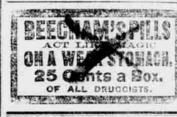






MADRID CHEMICAL CO FOR SALE IN FORT Browning & Nicks, \$11 Ma Nowe & Barrows, \$12 Ma

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THE DAVIS FUND.

A Call on the Patriotism of the Southern People for the

ERECTION OF A MONUMENT

Davis-The 18th Day of June Dest nated as a Day for a Universal More

ment Throughout the South

meeting of the Southern at Memphis a committee Jordon, commander-inerate veterans' associa fund for erecting a mont ory of Jefferson Davi taken in furtherance of a shortly after the death of D was intended to secure the Southern newspapers for money has already been r in this direction have sultory and lacking in syst The committee has their best that some action—sho the end that a general movement be inaugurate therefore, prepared the fo

"To the People of the South It has been the custom of peoples to honor the memor trious dead by the building which shall be a perpetual r virtues and achievements, rich with the blood and a perces and patriots, who priceless heritage and forever. Among all nob one whose name appeals to affectionate remembra plendid valor on the rilliant abilities in the ar ship, his heroic fortita unparalleled in its atrock his patient, proud endur and detraction, make him will stand for all time in great men of our history The cause for which

fered has gone down and w or of patriotism which the memories of those v wined with and whose b it. Southern people will ha to every sense of honorable womanhood when they force their sakes, wore shackles limbs. We owe it to our children to build a mon-

We therefore appeal to the South, confident of the m sponse. We have appointed June, 1891, as the day upon w of every town and count; states should meet and take forward the enterprise of butions or other methods deem best. Let those who interest in this movemente at once to organize a mov respective communities and and enthusiastic meeting to Superintendent

[Signed.]
JOHN W. CHILDRESS. PATRICE WA JORN LANGE



